

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

In this Amendment, claims 1, 9-10, 13 and 21-22 are amended, as is the Abstract. Further, claims 3-8 and 15-20 are cancelled.

The Abstract is amended to be in narrative form and to contain clear and concise language that does not include legal phraseology. Specifically, reference to the term "means for" is now removed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of now cancelled claims 7 and 8.

Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of now cancelled claim 8.

Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of now cancelled claim 7.

Claim 13 has been amended to include the subject matter of now cancelled claims 19 and 20.

Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 13 instead of now cancelled claim 20.

Claim 22 has been amended to depend from claim 13 instead of now cancelled claim 19.

No new matter has been added. Entry of the Amendment is requested. Upon entry, claims 1, 2, 9-14 and 21-23 are pending in this Application.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 3, 2009 includes and multiple objections and rejections, each of which will be discussed in turn.

Objections to the Abstract:

In the Office Action, the abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the use of legal phraseology. The Abstract is now amended to remove the term "means for" from the description. As such, withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Objections:

In the Office Action at page 6, claims 8, 9, 20 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner is thanked for this notification. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 8 in addition to intervening claim 7. Also, claim 13 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 20 and intervening claim 19. Additionally, claim 9 is amended to depend from claim 1 while claim 21 is amended to depend from claim 13. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Rejections:

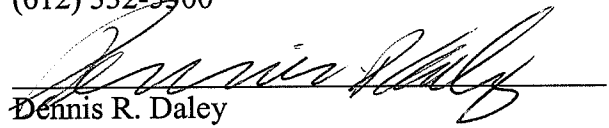
In the Office Action, claims 1-7, 10-19 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 4,519,266 to Reinecke. Additionally, claims 6, 12 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reinecke. These rejections are traversed. Claims 1 and 13 include the subject matter of now cancelled claims 8 and 20, respectively. As stated previously, claims 8 and 20 are identified as containing allowable subject matter in the Office Action at page 6. Accordingly, claims 1 and 13 are patentable over Reinecke for at least this reason. Additionally, as all remaining pending claims depend from either claim 1 or 13, they are patentable as well. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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